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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/919,925	FUKUHARA ET AL.	
Examiner	Art Unit		
Duy M. Dang	2621		

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/23/05.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,3-9,11,12,14 and 15 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1,3-4,6-9,11-12, and 14-15 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 5 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment filed 5/23/05 has been entered and made of record.
2. Claim 8 is objected to because of the following informalities: the "wavelength" recited in line 7 ought to be changed to "wavelet". Appropriate correction is required.
3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 5 recites the limitation "the multiplier" in line 1, "the adder/subtracter" and "the register" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

5. Claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Claims 1,3-4,6-9,11-12, and 14-15 are allowed

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claims 1 and 8, the closest prior art [Taniguchi et al.] fails to teach: wherein the fixed point type wavelet conversion means comprises a bit shifter and a wavelet converter, and the integer type wavelet conversion means comprises only the wavelet converter, and in combination with other claimed features. Dependent claims 3-4, and 6-7 are also allowed for the same reasons as above.

Regarding claims 9 and 15, the closest prior art [Taniguchi et al.] fails to teach: wherein the fixed point type wavelet reverse conversion means comprises a bit shifter and a wavelet reverse converter, and the integer type wavelet conversion means comprises only the wavelet reverse converter, and in combination with other claimed features. Dependent claims 11-12 are also allowed for the same reasons as above.

Regarding claim 14, the closest prior art [Taniguchi et al.] fails to teach an image decoding device into which a coded bit stream generated by a coding device comprising integer type wavelet conversion means and/or fixed-point type wavelet conversion means is inputted, the image decoding device comprising: means for detecting whether wavelet conversion performed by the coding device is of an integer type or a mixed-point type, from the inputted coded bit stream, integer type wavelet reverse conversion means for decoding the coded bit stream converted by the integer type wavelet conversion means; and means for controlling decoding operation to be paused if the inputted coded bit stream is of the fixed-point type.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duy M. Dang whose telephone number is 571-272-7389. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 5:30AM to 2:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Mancuso can be reached on 571-272-7695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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